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PREFACE

This new-born publication is our second. It is based on the Finnish membership publication called Neljännesvuosiraportti (Quarterly Report) and will be issued only in English. A condensed English translation on the Quarterly Report appeared previously and served as an exchange publication. It has been replaced by the Annual Report.

We wish to make Finnish events and research more accessible to foreign readers and friends. In the previous translation research details and reports could be dealt with only by way of review and reference. A precise view was difficult to get and this has caused some misunderstandings.

In addition to more detailed analyses, which now will be possible, we shall be giving more or less broad treatments of space-related phenomena which resemble UFOs. These include rocket launches, bolides and halos. We shall also describe

the attitude of the press and media to UFOs and UFO research.

We hope that you will respond to us by stating your opinion about the Annual Report and the topics dealt with. You may also request further information on any subject. We also hope that you tell your friends about this new publication. We will answer any questions if possible. We shall of course publish the questions and answers in due time but there is a natural delay in the Annual Report.

COLLECTION AND TREATMENT OF FIELD DATA

In order to gather first-hand data the UFO Research of Finland has set up a researcher network which covers the whole country. The membership of about 70 is the basis of the collection network. In addition we have several independent contributors.

Our address has often been mentioned in some periodicals, e.g. Ultra (which covers extra-paradigm areas and alternative life views) and Tähdet ja Avaruus (Stars and Space). In addition, our activities have been described in a few books with instructions for data collecting. We get some 50 reports a year, on an average.

From the reports we receive we will decide on further measures in each case. The case reports are hereby classed into three groups:

1. Unexplained observations (UFOs as defined). These cases contain detailed information and precise descriptions, so that all natural causes can practically be excluded. Such cases will be studied as thoroughly as possible, sparing no energy and resources.
2. The information remains insufficient despite all attempts to get more details. Thus, the cause of the observation cannot be decided. This is the largest category of cases, unfortunately. In these cases we continue investigations, if possible.
3. Explained observations: the information allows us to pinpoint a natural source for the observation, e.g. astronomical, meteorological and technological phenomena. Sometimes, too, hoax is disclosed.

ABOUT THE NEED FOR DETAILED SIGHTING REPORTS

The UFO Research of Finland is not trying to explain away all UFO cases, but we try to maintain a high standard of research procedures. We have found out that a sighting report should be as detailed as possible since eyewitnesses tend to forget what they have seen. Besides, many people misinterpret such light phenomena as the Moon, Venus and the Russian rocket launchings on our eastern skies. The time of observation regarding Russian rocket launchings varies from a few minutes to half an hour and these "UFOs" are always seen on our eastern skies.

1984: A QUIET YEAR

During 1984 the UFO Research of Finland was able to explain all the reports it received. So there were no UFO's this time. Five cases were explained. Four of them were Russian rocket launchings and one was the moon. Three cases had insufficient information. In the Finnish press we found about 160 UFO related articles.

SUMMARIES OF OLD OBSERVATIONS

September 9, 1983, at 5.45 in the morning, Kronoby. A 33-year-old man was driving due north at Kronoby near the city of Kokkola. He glanced at the north-westerly skies and he saw a red light phenomenon near the horizon. The shape of the phenomenon reminded him of a flying saucer. He stopped the car and took out his camera. Now the phenomenon started to rise fast and he only managed to take one photo. In the meantime the light had turned yellow. At the lower part of the phenomenon he saw three small lights, red or yellow in color. The developed photo shows three lights, two red and one yellow. Research work is continuing. Classification at the moment is 2.

November, 1983, at 8.40 p.m., Kuhmoinen. A man was watching TV news when he suddenly observed through the window 4 or 5 bright objects at tree-top level at a distance of 150 meters. The objects emitted colorful beams of light downward. The trees were bathing in light. The man went out and he saw the objects fly on the eastern sky from north to south. No sounds were audible, even though the wind was blowing towards the witness. It was snowing, so the moon wasn't visible. The objects disappeared behind the forest. Classification at the moment is 2.

SUMMARIES OF 1984 CASES

July 28, 1984, at about 2 p.m., Loviisa. A mother and a 20-year-old daughter saw a baton of light in their yard. The 60 cm (2 ft.) long baton landed from the sky. It remained horizontal all the time. At first it was orange in color, but by the time the feverish daughter got out of bed and got to the window, it had turned green. It stopped at a distance of 4 meters from the house and then grew to the length of 2 meters and finally shrunk to the size of a couple of centimeters. First the mother got scared and went inside. Then the daughter took the binoculars and they both went out. They observed the green light through binoculars and with their own eyes. The light appeared to be a rectangular box without matter. It was making horizontal movements all the time. The neighbors were also out in their yards, but they didn't see anything out of the ordinary. After about ten minutes the light grew smaller and smaller and disappeared. Classification at the moment is 2.

August 20, 1984, at 11.30-11.45 p.m., Ahonkylä and Alajoki. A railway station manager's phone rang while he was watching a movie on television. The caller had seen a ball of light and wanted to know if the ball could also be seen at the center of the village. Then the caller made a second phone call to the Kauhava air force squadron to check if airplanes could be the explanation. However, there was no air traffic in the area. The ball of light disappeared during the second phone call. The witness's son and a friend of his were shooting ducks when they saw a bright ball of light above the village of Ahonkylä. There was an explosion or a flash of light above the ball and then a smaller light cut loose and moved upward and disappeared. After the observation the station manager drove around the neighborhood but couldn't see anything special. The case is a reliable one since the phenomenon was observed from at least three different spots. Classification at the moment is 2.

RUSSIAN ROCKET LAUNCHINGS

Four Russian rocket launchings were observed in Finland during 1984.

August 10, 1984, at 3 to 4 a.m., Joensuu and Polvijärvi. A spiral shaped or a mushroom shaped light was seen on the eastern sky. In the middle of the mushroom there was a bright source of light. The mushroom dimmed gradually and was visible for an hour.

August 23, 1984, at 3.30 to 4 a.m., Vaasa. An orange light was seen on northerly skies for half an hour. The light dimmed gradually and disappeared.

September 7, 1984, at 3 to 5 a.m., fifteen (15) different locations all over Finland. The phenomenon started as a bright rising object. Later there was a flash of light which created red, green, yellow and purple colors around the object. The skies were clear and therefore the phenomenon could be seen all over the country.

December 6, 1984, early morning, Joensuu. A bright and colorful cloud was seen on the easterly skies. The cloud dimmed gradually and disappeared.